

MINUTES

Hampton Neighborhood Commission Meeting
Community Development Conference Room, City Hall
February 11, 2013
Time 6:00-7:30PM

Present

Ann Bane, School Rep.
Nancy Belew, District 3
Alice Callahan, District 6
Robin Carpenter, District 7
Karen Duncan, District 1
Henry Mills, Institutional Rep.
Anthony Reyes, City Rep.
Tommy Southall, District 9
Peggy Todd, At-Large Rep.
Valerie Twine, District 2
Anthony White, Youth Rep.

Terry O'Neill, Executive Director
Rashida Costley-Clarke, Recording Secretary

Absent

Steven Edwards, Institutional Rep.
James Gray, City Rep.
Kathy Johnson, Institutional Rep.
Edward Lattimore, City Rep.
Jason Samuels, District 8
Ryan Jones, Youth Rep.
Judy Hart, Chair

Guests

I. Opening

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. *Terry O'Neill, Executive Director presided over the meeting in the Chair and Chair-Elect's absence.*

A. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

Quorum verified.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes of the January 14 , 2013 Neighborhood Commission Meeting

The Chair asked for consideration of the minutes for the January 14, 2013 Neighborhood Commission meeting. Robin Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes. Karen Duncan seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote.

Chair voiced, "All in favor please say aye." Response, "aye."

Chair voiced, "Opposed?" Response – none.

Minutes approved.

D. Chair Announcements

- Jonathan McBride reviewed the CIP Public Forum agenda. Commissioners signed up to fill various roles at the meeting.

E. Youth Report

F. Items from the public

No speakers

Public in attendance- Rebecca Francese

II. Actions (New Business)

Item A.

Analysis of Proposed City Code Amendment regarding Chicken (vote)

- Lesa Yeatts, Steve Shapiro and Susan Canny were in attendance to hear the feedback received by Neighborhood Commissioners.
- Feedback received was as follows;
 - District 1- the majority of feedback received was positive. Many residents stated that they would rather have chickens than dogs in their neighborhood. One citizen also suggested that the City allow Guinea fowls as well as chickens.

- District 2- citizens had both positive and negative feedback. A neighborhood resident who is also in the military was particularly concerned with the slaughtering of chickens (based on his experiences overseas).
 - Lesa Yeatts confirmed that slaughtering of chickens would not allowed.
- District 3- received more negative than positive feedback. Most of the feedback was concerning the ability of City staff to enforce the new regulations. Property values were also a major concern, as well as whether allowing chickens would bring more predators to the area they suggested that the City. Citizens to obtain a permit to keep chickens? To assist with enforcement.
- District 6- also received mixed reviews. Concerns were expressed regarding the noise level and enforcing the number of chickens.
 - Susan Canny informed the Commission that the majority of complaints received by Animal Control are regarding roosters, which would not be allowed in the proposed ordinance.
- District 9- One of the large neighborhood organizations in the district is not in favor of the ordinance. Many citizens were concerned about enforcement. In particular, the Historical Society felt the City was lowering its standards. There were some residents in favor stating that many other cities to allow the keeping of chickens such as Raleigh, NC; Atlanta, GA and, Chicago, IL. Allowing the keeping of chickens is a move towards self-sustainment and can make Hampton a greener city.
- The Commissioners felt it was important to state the concerns heard and that the feedback from the community was mixed. Staff will draft a letter for review by the Chair.

Item B.

Consideration of Revisions to the Neighborhood Pool Grant Program Policies (vote)

- Karen Duncan briefly reviewed the proposal. There were no changes to the proposal presented at the January meeting.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the recommendation. Ann Bane made a motion to approve the recommendation. Henry Mills seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote.

Chair voiced, "All in favor please say aye." Response, "aye."

Chair voiced, "Opposed?" Response – none.

Motion carried.

Item C.

Consideration of a City Representative to fill an Unexpired Term (vote)

- Tommy Southall presented on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Major Lattimore has retired; the City Manager is recommending Major Davis to serve the remainder of his term. A brief bio from Major Davis was provided to Commissioners; Tommy also discussed his experience working with Major Davis over the years. Major Davis has worked with neighborhoods for many years and would be an asset to the Commission.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the recommendation. Robin Carpenter made a motion to approve the recommendation. Tommy Southall seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote.

Chair voiced, "All in favor please say aye." Response, "aye."

Chair voiced, "Opposed?" Response – none.

Motion carried.

Item D.

Consideration of next Hampton Housing Blitz Neighborhood (vote)

- Karen Duncan reviewed the Community Appearance, Pride and Image committee recommendation for potential areas as priorities. The priority areas are North Phoebus, Magnolia, and Cary/Andrews. If approved, HNS staff and the committee will move forward with finding partners and homeowners willing to participate in the blitz.
- Jonathan used Google maps to show Commissioners the recommended priority areas and boundaries.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the recommendation. Tommy Southall made a motion to approve the recommendation. Peggy Todd seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote.

Chair voiced, "All in favor please say aye." Response, "aye."

Chair voiced, "Opposed?" Response – none.

Motion carried.

Item E.

Consideration of Proposed Changes to Commission Meeting Times and Locations (vote)

- Terry reviewed the proposal to change the meeting times and locations.
- There was a brief discussion about the recommendation to change the meeting locations. Commissioner Carpenter was concerned with being prepared to handle meeting logistics and being able to provide enough notice of meeting locations to citizens.
- Tommy explained that the rationale was to increase visibility of the Neighborhood Commission and encourage neighborhood organizations to attend the meetings and showcase accomplishments, etc. Housing and Neighborhood Services Division staff was asked to develop a recommendation for meeting locations for the upcoming fiscal year, which will be presented at the March meeting for review and approval.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the recommendation. Robin Carpenter made a motion to approve the recommendation. Henry Mills seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote.

Chair voiced, "All in favor please say aye." Response, "aye."

Chair voiced, "Opposed?" Response – none.

Motion carried.

Item F.

Consideration of Changes to the Commission Meeting Agenda (vote)

- Terry reviewed the proposal to revise the Neighborhood Commission meeting agendas. Angelique Shenk added one change discussed in the Executive Committee meeting immediately prior to the Commission meeting. The change was to combine V. B and C to eliminate duplication.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the recommendation. Tommy Southall made a motion to approve the recommendation. Nancy Belew seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote.

Chair voiced, "All in favor please say aye." Response, "aye."

Chair voiced, "Opposed?" Response – none.

Motion carried.

Item G. Discussion regarding the PTA Vendors Event

- Darren Robinson reported on behalf of the Neighborhood-Schools Partnership Committee regarding the PTA Vendors Event on March 26, 2013.

Commissioners agreed through consensus to participate in the event.
Commissioners Belew, Todd and Bane will attend.

IV. Dialogue

A. Matters by Commissioners

- Tommy Southall expressed his concerns regarding the clothing drop boxes that have appeared in parking lots all over the city. Tommy has received calls from neighborhood organizations in District 9 with concerns as well. He would like the Commission to discuss this item similar to the other proposed ordinance amendment changes.

B. Committee Status Reports

None

Director's report

- Hampton 101 series will begin on February 21, 2013. Cindy will forward additional information as soon as it's available.
- You Make a Difference Celebration Event is scheduled for February 5, 2013 at 6:00PM at the Charles Taylor Arts Center.
- The next Hampton Home Repair Blitz is scheduled for May 4, 2013. More information will be provided in March.
- Internal website training is schedule for January 24, 2013 at 5:30PM in the Community Development Conference Room.

Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2013 @ 5:00PM. Location: Community Development Conference Room, City Hall.